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### **PDC FINES ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FILING REPORTS LATE**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, issued civil penalties after finding eight elected officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held today in Olympia.

Chairman Connelly found that eight King County area officials had not timely filed an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement (Form F-1). State law requires elected officials and certain state appointed officials to file an F-1 with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15<sup>th</sup> reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

Connelly stressed the importance of filing reports that disclose personal financial interests and holdings.

“These reports afford the public tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain,” Connelly said.

A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent during the first week of May 2005. On June 4, a second letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent.

Government officials from King County Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

**Maria Henriksen**, City Council Member for the City of Snoqualmie, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

**Robert Ransom**, City Council Member for the City of Shoreline, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

**William Enersen**, City Council Member for the City of Normandy Park, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

**Todd Nunn**, City Council Member for the City of Medina, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

**Ruthann Kurose**, Trustee for Bellevue Community College, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

**John Fry**, Director for the Mercer Island School Dist. #400, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Paul Hamilton**, Commissioner for the King Co Fire Protection Dist. #44, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Charles Price**, City Council Member for the City of Woodinville, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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